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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE -- SENATOR PELL'S PLENARY STATEMENT

TRANSMITTED HERewith IS THE TEXT OF SENATOR PELL'S 23 NOVEMBER
PLENARY INTERVENTION:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN:

THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES IS IMPRESSED BY THE
LARGE NUMBER OF PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUT FOR-
WARD HERE, AND WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE DESIRE ON THE PART
OF ALL DELEGATIONS TO GIVE EACH PROPOSAL THEIR FULL AND
CAREFUL ATTENTION AS WE CONTINUE OUR CONSIDERATIONS OF NEW
NEASURES. THESE PROPOSALS CERTAINLY COVER THE FULL SPECTRUM
OF OUR MANDATE HERE AND INCLUDE MANY VERY POSITIVE AND
USEFUL ELEMENTS, BEARING WITNESS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF INTENT
OF ALL THE DELEGATIONS HERE.

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MY DELEGATION IS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE CSCE PRO-
CESS IS PART OF THE WARP AND WOOF OF THE ENTIRE
PROCESS WHICH WE CALL "DETENTE" AND AS SUCH IT MUST CON-
TINUE. BUT DETENTE REFERS TO MORE THAN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE
TRUE MEASURE OF DETENTE WILL BE THE DEGREE TO WHICH IT
REDOUNDS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE INDIVIDUAL. WE MUST NOT

LOSE SIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL AS WE CONSIDER THE MANY PROPOSALS BEFORE US. IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM OUR ENDEAVORS, BUT WHAT YWARDSTICK WILL HE MEASURE OUR WORK HERE?

AS WE CONDUCTED OUR REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT, IT MUST HAVE BECOME APPARENT TO EVERYONE HERE THAT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE ALL THE SIGNATORY STATES REACH FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE FINAL ACT IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THAT THIS WAS AN AREA OF CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY. MY DELEGATION, FOR ITS PART, DID ALL IT COULD TO BEGIN A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ON WHAT WE ALL MUST ACKNOWLEDGE TO BE A GENUINE PROBLEM AND A LEGITIMATE MATTER FOR OUR CONCERN. HOWEVER, THE BEST EFFORTS OF MY DELEGATION, AND OF OTHERS, TO DISCUSS WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE INFRINGEMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS, WERE REPEATEDLY TURNED ASIDE WITH THE ARGUMENT THAT TO RAISE THESE MATTERS HERE WAS "INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER SIGNATORY COUNTRY".

MR. CHAIRMAN, I REALIZE THAT TIME IS SHORT, AND SO I DO NOT PROPOSE TO REVIEW THE ARGUMENTS RAISED HERE REGARDING THIS POINT. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT MY DELEGATION TOTALLY REJECTS, AS WITHOUT FOUNDATION, THE ARGUMENT THAT RAISING THESE MATTERS IS INTERFERENCE IN ANY COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THIRTY-FIVE NATIONS SUBSCRIBED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE OBJECTIVES OF PRINCIPLE VII AND THE HUMANITARIAN PROVISIONS OF BASKET III, AND THEY ARE AS MUCH A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AND PROPOSALS AS ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. THE FACT THAT SOME EASTERN DELEGATIONS CHOSE TO RESPOND TO THE POINTS RAISED BY SEVERAL WESTERN DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING MY OWN, ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY ATTACKING THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OF THE UNITED STATES WAS AN INDICATION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS ALSO IN THEIR VIEW A PROPOER SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION IN THIS FORUM. ALTHOUGH WE WHOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE POSITIVE REACTION TO THE SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED, MY DELEGATION IS NEVERTHELESS PLEASED THAT IT IS NOT ONLY THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS THAT ARE CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS.

IT IS MY DELEGATION'S VIEW THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY THAT THE REVIEW THAT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED AT THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD RESULT IN PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONCRETE AND SPECIFIC ACTION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM, SPEAKING FOR THE NINE HAS ALREADY MADE A CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL TO THIS END, WHICH DESERVES WIDE

SUPPORT. IN MY DELEGATIONS'S VIEW, FURTHER PROPOSALS
ARE CALLED FOR SO THAT IT WILL BE CLEAR TO THE WORLD
THAT THE DISCUSSION OF AND CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WILL
NOT END WHEN THIS CONFERENCE ENDS.

CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, FUNDA-
MENTAL FREEDOMS, AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE HERE
AND IN OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FORA, IS A
LOGICAL STEP IN THE PROCESS BEGUN MORE THAN TWO YEARS
AGO IN HELSINKI. OUR CONCERN AND DESIRE THAT THE DIS-
CUSSION CONTINUE MIRRORS THE COMMITMENT OF MY COUNTRY
TO THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD.
END TEXT.

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